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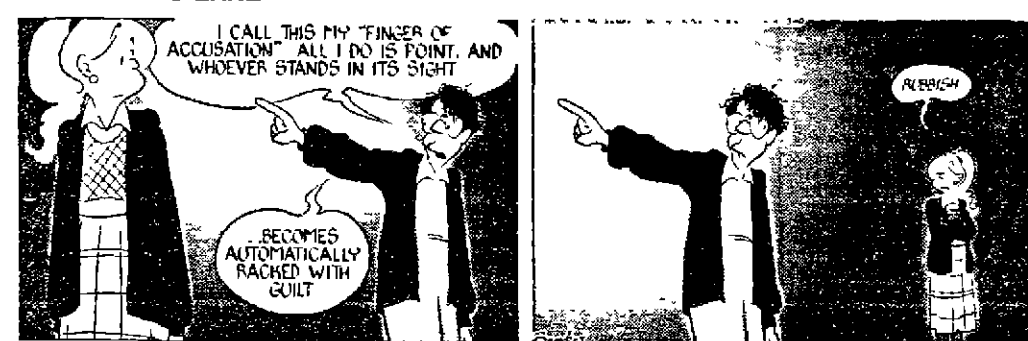
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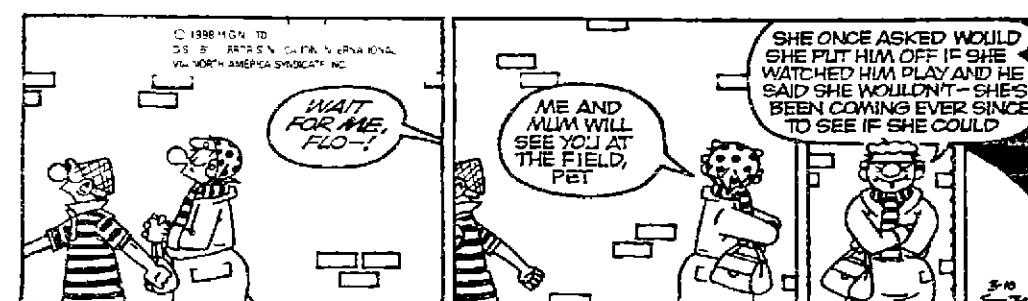
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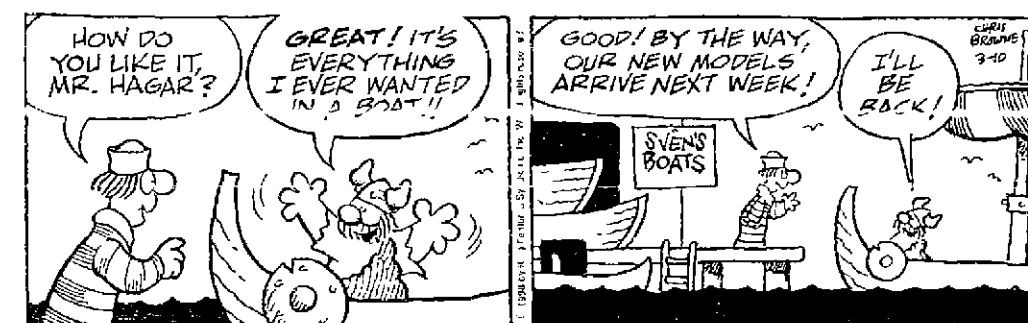
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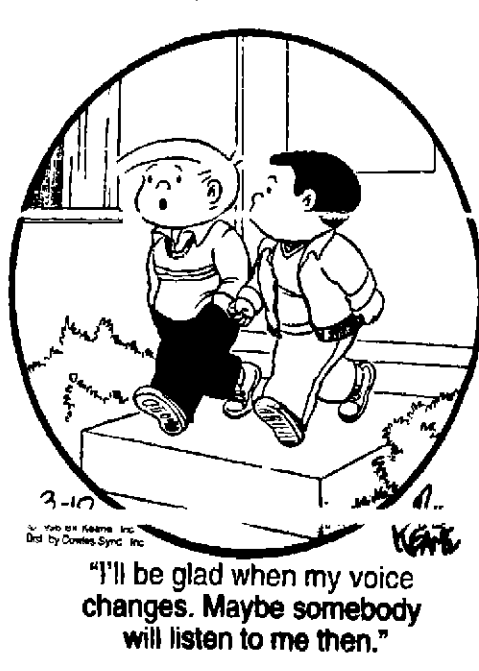
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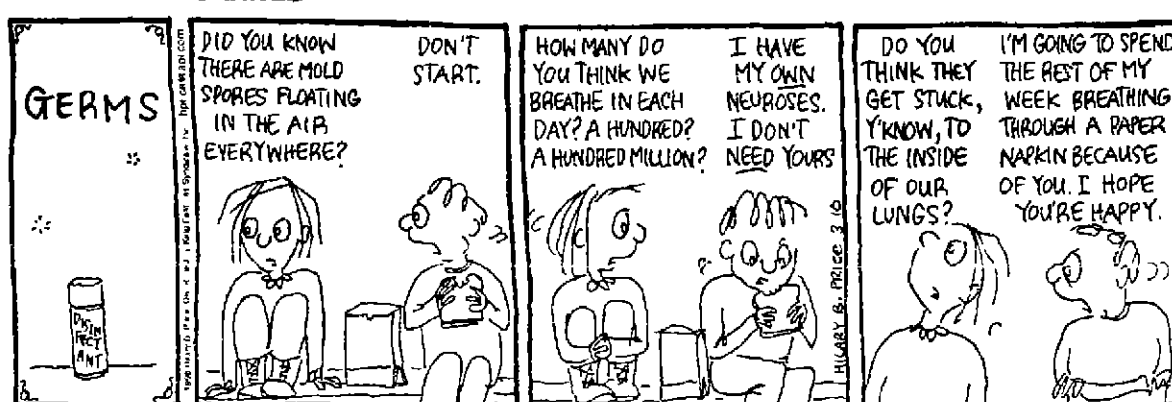
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Talk show host Ralph Emery is 65. Actor Chuck Norris is 58. Playwright Singer Dean Torrence is 58. Actress Shannon Tweed is 41. Actress Sharon Stone is 40. Rock musician Jeff Ament (Pearl Jam) is 35. Britain's Prince Edward is 34. Actress Jasmine Guy is 34. Singer Edie Brickell is 32. Country singer Daryle Singletary is 27. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shannon Miller is 21.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 125-135 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. *Earlier words get 50-point bonus. *Blanks: Used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-10-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, March 11, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The day favors recreational interests. Domesticity and family life are highlighted after dark.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Singles attract romance. You'll be going out more for good times in the coming days.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're good at getting your thoughts across to others. During evening hours, place the accent on dating and fun interests.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Entertaining is a plus after work. You're entering a period that is conducive to the forming of romantic ties.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You could have your heart set on a fun activity, but get to work first. Good news comes from a partner about a financial matter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You could be socializing with some people connected with your business. Romance could come through the job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is a good time for dealing with the public. Your social graces will help you in business in the near future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Home matters are on an even keel. Evening hours bring pleasant times with friends, and romance is a plus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You get a matter settled regarding a child's education. Business and pleasure combine to your advantage in the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A business project is brought to a successful conclusion. In the evening, you make a good impression.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Group activities are favored. There will be an accent on shopping during the next few weeks.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You reuse some, here a pair. More get-aways will be on your schedule in the coming months.

WORD SLEUTH

Words with a "pet"

E H E B Y Y L W T R O L J G E
B T Y W P T U O R P N K I G D
B Z E X E V T N R S Q O M K I
G E C P R E A E O T S Y W U S
L A T E P O T P P I E N L J H
F E R M E I C C A Y T P X V U
S Q U I T A N N M K E I P I U
F R M E R E C S I M P E T U S
C B P P A Z Y X V U M T R E P
Q P E P T O M L K C O C T E P
A T T N E T E P M O C K I N G

Monday's unlisted clue: BOMBS
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: FLOOR COVERING

Appetite	Impetus	Petite	Puppet
Competent	Perpetrate	Petition	Snippet
Competes	Petal	Petrol	Trumpet
Crumpet	Petcock	Petty	

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Defenders commit one type of defensive error repeatedly. It is the failure to recognize where one's defensive tricks might lie and what action might be required to collect them. In today's East chair, what would you lead at "trick three?" East takes his top clubs and wonders whether to shift to spades or to diamonds. With five diamonds in dummy, most defenders would shift to the spade king, reasoning that spades are likely to be more productive. What would be the result? South wins his spade ace, cashes dummy's diamond ace, and ruffs a diamond with his seven. Next he leads his trump eight to dummy's jack and ruffs another diamond high. When both follow, South can see success. He leads his trump four to dummy's six and ruffs another diamond, establishing a long diamond in dummy. Finally, South crosses to dummy's trump king to cash dummy's diamond for a spade discard. In the end, South concedes a spade and claims his doubled game. What should East lead at trick three? He should lead a trump! Whatever loser South has in spades can go only on dummy's long diamond. And to prevent South's discard on a long diamond, East must attack a dummy entry early. East's trump shift uses a trump entry prematurely, and South never can use dummy's fifth diamond. What if South held A-7 of spades and two small diamonds? East's trump switch would still succeed. South will have two dummy entries to set up the fifth diamond, but he won't have a third entry to get back to cash it.

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Tbl
4♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Club jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0127

ACROSS

1 Prelude to a duel
5 Not hearing
9 Competitor for a Clio
14 Seat of Allen County, Kan.
15 Unattractive fruit that sounds that way
16 Upright, e.g.
17 Taking radical action
20 Kiss mark
21 Lamb's kin
22 Wonderment
23 "Bye!"
24 Much too bright
27 Romulus's brother

DOWN

29 Rundown in appearance
33 Words of woe
37 "Buddy"
38 "23 ____", Var.
39 Holding up
42 Expired
43 Princess of operetta
44 "____ boy!"
45 One who can't go home
46 Give quarters to
48 Latians, e.g.
50 Mowed strip
55 Breakfast staple
58 Have some tea
59 Sound investment?
60 Civil War story
64 Disconcert
65 Theater award

DOWN

1 Lovers' sounds
2 Sarge's boss
3 Restaurant owner of song
4 Hanky ____
5 Scout's pledge word
6 I, to Claudius
7 Inn drink
8 Repairmen
9 Like some mountain lodge activities
10 Conk out
11 Nursery call
14 Freshly
13 It smells a lot
18 Equipment
19 Prefix with light
24 Dillinger fighter
25 Setting for this puzzle's theme
26 Alpine heroine
28 Give off, as light
29 Redo, as text
31 Puts on ____
33 Grmm character
34 Martian invasion report, e.g.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STOMP	LIMP	SANS
PALEO	UYEA	UMOH
OCEAN	LAMS	ROPE
LYCIDEUM	YOUNG	EYED
LYCEUM	RAPT	
PERKY	AHOLD	
LILY	RAM	FRIDAY
EROO	THEDA	NOOE
NEBULA	LIL	GRAD

ACROSS

35 60's dress style
36 ____ Gay (W.W.II plane)
38 Mass of hair
40 Caller's playful request
41 3:1, 5:2, etc.
46 Portable ____
47 Renaissance name of fame
48 Certain grandson
51 Champions' cry

DOWN

52 Get up
53 Edgy
54 Nonsurfer at the beach
56 "Omgosh!"
58 Mongolian desert
57 Flying pest
58 Tool repository
61 N.C. and S.C. zone
62 Cable channel
63 Type of type

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